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Lewiston & Clarkston High School Bond Election:

Citizens would like the cost of and the need for a new High School addressed. The public is concerned with a property tax increase and whether to remodel or build a new High School.

Mega Loads Transport on Hwy 12:

Imperial Oil/Exxon Mobil moving mega loads of oil equipment through Idaho State to Alberta, Canada's oil sands on interstate highways. Opponents worry about the potential effect of the extra heavy trucks on public safety, roads and aesthetics of the recreational corridor.

Reduce Obesity/Promote Health & Wellness:

Obesity in the United States has been steadily increasing every year. Need to promote the importance of eating healthy and get moving physically.

Education Reform Idaho Legislature: The fate of public schools Chief Tom Luna's plan to overhaul the K-12 education system in Idaho remains uncertain. The issue is a hot topic and getting a lot of attention.

Storm Water Controversy: Both cities of Lewiston & Clarkston need to implement a storm water plan. Cities are under federal obligation to meet their requirements. Storm water is federally mandated & must comply to rules.

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The Need to Address Lewiston & Clarkston High School Bond Election

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 1/11/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:57

Description: KLEW News reported that Lewiston voters will head back to the polls in March to decide again on a 52 million dollar bond levy for the construction of a new high school. Last night the school board unanimously agreed to try the measure a fourth time. Planning Committee members have re-worked the details in response to feedback they received from voters. The repayment term was shortened from 25 to 20 years which experts say will save roughly 5 million dollars in interest. Architect Scott Straubhar gave a presentation on the proposed building and it's comparison with a remodel.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 1/27/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:41

Description: KLEW News reported that in less than two weeks, residents will vote on the bond levy for Asotin School District and the Clarkston School District. Last night a final informational meeting was held in Asotin about their levy. Chris Loeth discussed some of the steps that led them to asking for the levy. They also showed pictures of some of the items that need fixing like water and mold issues and outdated broken sinks and elevator. Next Wednesday they will host a tour of the school for any interested voters. If the levy passes, a new elementary school will be built on the existing site along with a remodel of the high school portion of the building.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 2/8/11, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:51

Description: KLEW News reported that Clarkston School District voters rejected a \$46.8 million dollar bond levy, with 57 percent of them rejecting the bond. The bond would have paid for replacing and adding to the east sector of Charles Francis Adams High School, constructing capital improvements to all other schools and Central Maintenance and Transportation, developing a playfield, acquiring land for educational facilities and constructing other capital improvements. The Asotin-Anatone School District school bond levy also went down in defeat with 59 percent saying no. It would have financed modernization of Asotin High School and constructed and equipped a new Asotin Elementary School.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 3/8/11, 11:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:25

Description: KLEW News reported that as the votes were being counted it became clear that the \$52 million Lewiston High School bond levy had failed. The levy fell way short of the two-thirds yes votes needed to pass. 5,388 voters or 52 percent voted in favor of the measure with 5,044 or 48 percent voting against the measure the election saw a 59 percent turnout of registered voters. Supporters of the measure gathered in the courthouse hallways Tuesday night waiting for the outcome. They say they'll need to regroup after tonight's outcome. The issue has divided some in the community and the question is will the ill will spillover after from the election.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 3/9/11, 6:00p.m.
Duration: 2:12

Description: KLEW News reported that both sides of the Lewiston High School bond election said they're proud of the effort put forth by community members volunteering their time for the cause. School district residents voted down the measure Tuesday. The final tally was 52% in favor and 48% against, almost a ten percent decrease in yes votes from the previous election just five months ago. Taxpayers against unfair taxation chairperson Dale Yochum says they hope they can sit down with school administrators and discuss ways to give students a better facility without burdening the taxpayers.

The Need to Address Mega Load Transport on Hwy 12

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 1/5/11 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:02

Description: KLEW News reported that spokesperson Adam Rush says he expects Idaho Transportation Department Director Brian Ness to issue his final decision on permits for four ConocoPhillips loads by sometime next week. The permits are good for a five-day time period but can be extended, depending on weather and road conditions. Rush says the process for reviewing those permit requests is under way. Idaho Transportation Department staff that specializes in bridges is checking to make sure the bridges can accommodate the loads. There are 33 bridges between Lewiston and the Montana border, with 15 of them having spans on less than 20 feet.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 1/17/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:31

Description: KLEW News reported that megaload interveners petition Idaho Transportation Director Brian Ness for the chance to present oral arguments before he makes a final decision on ConocoPhillips oil equipment transport. In the document filed this morning, attorneys argue this will allow Ness to fully understand the relevant legal principles and facts. Opponent Borg Hendrickson says the unprecedented nature of the case and complex facts involved should allow for oral arguments.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 1/18/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:39

Description: KLEW News reported that Idaho Transportation Department Director Brian Ness says the mega loads are ready to go. Citing a number of reasons for his decision, including saying all the proper procedures has been followed. Ness issued two permits today to more ConocoPhillips loads over highway 12 to Billings. Originally ITD said they could begin moving next Monday. But later the agency said they will not be ready to move until February first. The megaload battle has been going on for months. ConocoPhillips says they're pleased with the decision and that they will provide updates on the status of the shipments as they proceed.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 2/3/11, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 1:27

Description: KLEW News reported Friends of the Clearwater environmental group are gathering lots of useful information through their monitoring of the megaload move. The group announced last week they would follow the loads to ensure the companies stay within the limits of their permits. Education and Outreach director Brett Haverstick says between 12 to 15 volunteers are going out each night to watch for highway damage and checking time delay limits, among other things. Haverstick says the group is not ready to share any of their findings yet but says next week after information is organized they will.

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 3/10/11, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 0:41

Description: KLEW News reported that a lawsuit filed by an environmental group accuses the Forest Service of neglecting its duty and federal laws by allowing Idaho to permit hundreds of oversized loads to travel along US Highway 12. The federal lawsuit filed by Idaho Rivers United seeks to block ExxonMobil's plans to truck giant refinery equipment along the highway. The highway cuts through a federally designated Wild and Scenic river corridor that includes the Lochsa and Clearwater rivers. Last month, the Idaho Transportation Department granted ExxonMobil a permit for a test run and suggested permits be approved for up to 200 additional loads destined for the Kearl Oil sands in Canada.

The Need to Address Obesity/Promote Health & Wellness

Program: KLEW-TV News
Date/Time: 1/21/11, 6:00 p.m.
Duration: 0:39

Description: KLEW News reported that the Moscow City Council voted to join the "Let's Move" initiative, a program started by First Lady Michelle Obama to reduce childhood obesity. Mayor Nancy Chaney brought the initiative before the council with the overall goal to promote a better diet and more activity among children. Moscow City Supervisor Gary Riedner said in meeting with School District Superintendent they talked about some of the food choices and recreational programs they have. Participation in the campaign and initiative is free. It provides tools and planning guides for activities and programs.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 2/1/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:16

Description: KLEW News reported from our Palouse Bureau improving health and wellness always seems to make the top of the list when it comes to New Year's resolutions. The University of Idaho's "Vandal Fitness Challenge" is starting up once again with a ten week program for current U of I students. This is its sixth year participants complete initial and final fitness tests, as well as 6 weeks of activity and keeping good logs. Winners are based on improvement and performance throughout the challenge. Organizers say the challenge is a popular way for students to get in shape and serves as motivation for living healthier lifestyles.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 2/4/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:09

Description: KLEW News reported that today is national Wear Red Day in support of women's heart health. KLEW News talked with Cardiologist Lee Gould who said heart disease is 25 times the risk to women compared with breast cancer and it's the leading cause of disability and death in women. Often heart health issues are overlooked by women and can be hard to diagnose. Dr. Gould says it's important to know your numbers when it comes to cholesterol and blood pressure. It's also important to maintain an optimal weight and minimize sodium intake and restrict choleric intake. A number of different departments at the hospital staffed tables to talk about everything from CPR and stress reduction to cardiograms.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 2/28/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:27

Description: KLEW News reported that February is American Heart Month and Gritman Medical Center in Moscow celebrated by continuing the tradition of the 5th annual Red Dress Run to bring awareness to heart disease. Around 150 community members gathered together, almost all of them wearing red dresses, to participate in the 5K run at Palouse Mall in support of American Heart Month. The cold didn't stop people of all ages from attending, whether they ran the 5k outside, or just walked a couple of laps inside the mall. The Red Dress Run benefits Gritman's Cardiac Rehabilitation program.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 3/22/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 2:01

Description: KLEW News reported that Lewis-Clark State College Student Health Services sponsored their annual health screening fair giving students, faculty and community members the chance to check up on various aspects of their health. Public Health Idaho promotions coordinator Deb Merica says through their booth they are urging participants to stay education on their own well-being. The booth provided diabetes education, colon/rectal cancer, tobacco cessation and physical activity and nutrition. Nursing student Abel Kelley says it's important to test for colon-rectal cancer because it's one of the few cancers that are easily detectable, and if they find it they can take care of it.

The Need to Address Education Reform in Idaho

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 1/14/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:45

Description: KLEW News reported that Public Information Officer Melissa McGrath says Superintendent Tom Luna's education reform plan is based on research that shows quote "class size is not the determining factor in student achievement but it's the effectiveness of the teacher in the classroom" end quote. She says the plan will invest in teachers by restoring a frozen salary grid and creating a pay for performance plan. She says they will invest in technology so teachers can better handle a class size increase of one to two more students. Luna's plan calls for reducing the number of teachers in the state by over 700.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 3/16/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:38

Description: KLEW News reported that the Senate Education Committee expects to have the third piece of the public school reforms ready by Friday. Senator John Goedde says the measure has undergone significant changes. The committee removed the provision that would have eliminated over 750 teaching jobs and boosting class sizes. He says local school boards will make those decisions. Goedde adds that the other major piece, which requires students to take online courses, is also gone. The State Board of Education will instead be directed to draft rules regarding how technology will be used in the coming years.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 3/17/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:34

Description: KLEW News reported that two Idaho education reform bills become law today after Governor Butch Otter puts his signature on the Legislation. Senate Bills 11-08 and 11-10 passed their final hurdle in the legislature. The two bills eliminate teacher job protections, restrict collective bargaining rights and will introduce merit pay in Idaho's public schools. Lewiston Education Association president Bruce Schultz says it's disappointing, but not completely unexpected. Schulz says the battle parents and teachers have waged against the reform isn't over.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 3/18/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:37

Description: KLEW News reported that the two bills that are part of Tom Luna's education reform have drawn sharp opposition from teachers and parents. Idaho Education Association President Sherri Wood says the group has filed initial paperwork with the Secretary of State to start the process and preserve their options to quote "refer these bad laws for a citizens' veto." To put repeal on the 1012 ballot, a petition with just over 47,000 Idaho voters' signatures will need to be received within sixty days of the close of the Idaho legislative session.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 3/22/11 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 0:41

Description: KLEW News reported that the Idaho Education Association is trying to push through a voter referendum to repeal the first two education bills recently passed by the legislature. Idaho Education Association president Sherri Wood says a referendum is a way for citizens to get rid of what they think are bad ideas. In this case Superintendent Tom Luna's first two education bills. The IEA needs 47,000 signatures to get the education bills referendum on the ballot in November 2012. Wood says in her 34 years in the Idaho education system she has never seen the public so fired up over an issue. She says if the legislature passes the third education bill they will try to send that one to a referendum as well.

The Need to Address Implementation of Storm Water Plan

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 1/3/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:53

Description: KLEW News reported that the storm water battle rages on for the city of Clarkston. The Respect Clarkston Committee is a group of Clarkston citizens and business owners who are seeking to repeal a Clarkston ordinance that sets up a utility fee to pay for storm water program. The committee and representative for the City of Clarkston appeared in Asotin County superior Court. The Respect Clarkston Committee was challenging the city's ballot language for the repeal, among other issues. Judge William Acey says there is no law saying the city attorney must include a third party in the writing of ballot language. But the committee says they want the fees included in the wording. Judge Acey ruled in favor of the city saying it would not be right to include estimates and that the wording meets standards.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 2/8/11, 11:00 p.m.

Duration: 5:26

Description: KLEW News reported that voters have sent a strong message to the Clarkston City Council, rejecting the city's stormwater ordinance, with 71 percent of voters rejecting the utility and its accompanying \$5 monthly fee. The city will now be forced to make some tough choices about its budget to comply with the federal requirement that it manage storm sewers and surface water. Mayor Donna Engle was asked where the city goes from here and does this mean potential cuts to programs or property tax increases.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 2/15/11 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:54

Description: KLEW News reported that the stormwater debate continues as the City of Clarkston's plan goes down the drain. The City's plan to pay for the implementation of the federal storm water mandate through a utility fee failed by a landslide in last Tuesday's election. The Respect Clarkston Committee was on hand at Monday night's city council meeting to discuss what they want done. Sheri Duthie of the Respect Clarkston Committee says, "Our plan includes ways that the city in time can get out from under the mandate all together." Dave Duncan from the Washington State Department of Ecology stated that Clarkston's unique layout affords us the opportunity to do just that in time.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 3/21/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:19

Description: KLEW News reported that Clarkston Public Works Director Jim Martin has an opinion about Respect Clarkston's revised storm water proposal. Martin says, while the plans are well thought out, but with no revenue coming in for the project, he doesn't see how it is fiscally possible. It would take some extensive purchases of property, a lot of infrastructure reconfiguration, running pipes different places. That means not only the construction of the pipelines, but the reconstruction of the streets that it affects." Martin says the City of Clarkston has a plan. It involves educating the public. Martin hopes to hear from the Department of Ecology in the next few weeks. Then Respect Clarkston, the city council and the Department of Ecology will have a workshop and hopefully find a resolution for the Clarkston storm water issue.

Program: KLEW-TV News

Date/Time: 3/28/11, 6:00 p.m.

Duration: 1:19

Description: KLEW News reported that Washington Attorney General Rob McKenna was on hand for the Asotin County Republican annual Lincoln Day Luncheon over the weekend. He spent time talking with locals about some of the hooter topics in this part of Washington like storm water regulations. "It's a big issue all over the state because federal requirements are being pushed down on the state which is in turn pushing them on the local communities. It's very expensive. People wonder how much environmental improvement is really going to result. At the same time everyone wants to protect the water and have a clean environment. So it's a real tough balance to strike in this part of the state."